

SENATE BILL No. 285

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 35-46-3-14.

Synopsis: Tethering of animals. Makes it a Class C infraction to tether a dog from a fixed point for more than eight of 24 hours in a location where the dog has no access to shelter or water, or where there is a danger that the dog may become entangled, with certain exceptions. Provides that a tether may not weigh more than one-eighth of the dog's weight, may not permit the dog to leave the person's property, and must be attached to a collar or harness.

Effective: July 1, 2003.

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January 15, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal, Civil and Public Policy.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2002 Regular or Special Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning animals.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 35-46-3-14 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2003]: **Sec. 14. (a) A person may not restrain a dog by a fixed**
4 **point chain or tether for more than eight (8) hours in a twenty-four**
5 **(24) hour period unless the chain or tether:**

6 **(1) is at least ten (10) feet in length;**

7 **(2) has a swivel mounted at each end;**

8 **(3) is attached to a pulley or trolley mounted cable located not**
9 **more than seven (7) feet above ground level.**

10 **(b) A person may not chain or tether a dog unless the chain or**
11 **tether used to restrain the dog is attached to a properly fitting**
12 **harness or collar worn by the dog.**

13 **(c) A person may not chain or tether a dog if the chain or tether**
14 **used to restrain the dog weighs more than one-eighth (1/8) of the**
15 **dog's body weight.**

16 **(d) A person may not restrain a dog in a manner that prevents**
17 **the dog from having access to shelter from the elements and water.**



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1 (e) A person may not chain or tether a dog unless the chain or
2 tether used to restrain the dog is placed to minimize the possibility
3 of entanglement.

4 (f) A person may not restrain a dog in a manner that permits the
5 dog to leave the person's property.

6 (g) A person who violates this section commits cruel tethering
7 of a dog, a Class C infraction.

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